

**AODA ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 16, 2010  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Susie Austin, Dennis Williams, Rose Barton, Lee Wipfli, James Pearson, Lou Hernandez, Dick Manke, Susan Andrews

The meeting called to order at 10:04 a.m.

**INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the January 19, 2010 meeting were approved as read.

**PRESENTATION**

Ruthie Burch, Prevention Specialist from the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) updated the committee on the needle exchange program in Waukesha and education for sexual transmitted diseases (STD), AIDS and Hepatitis C began on September 14, 2009. Ruthie is here on Monday's. There have been 35 needle exchanges and that works out to be 3 people per Monday. Ruthie also does free testing for HIV, STD's and Hepatitis C. Six people have been tested, there were no positive results for HIV but there were 2 positives for Hepatitis C. Ruthie also states that there is a 45% return rate for needles. These needles are then disposed of properly and in a safe manner. She hopes to increase her rate of testing to help people get proper medical care. She is in communication with treatment programs like the halfway houses and Quality Addiction Management to do testing at their facilities. Discussion followed.

**PRESENTATION**

Sara Carpenter of Wisconsin Community Services updated the committee on the Day Report Center in Waukesha County. She says that they are getting referrals from three sources: Court, Sheriff's Department and Alternatives to Revocation (ATR) from the Department of Community Corrections (DOC). Participants are seen one to five times a week depending on the results of their risk assessment and Day Report uses a color call system for drug testing. Primary need for participants is substance abuse treatment. Participants from the age range of 18 to 25 are proving to be the hardest group to work with. She cited immaturity, unemployment and un or under educated as a few of the reasons. She also stated that the ATR population is also difficult to serve. They are high risk and only spend about 90 days in the Day Report Center where as court referrals can be with the Center for 6 months to one year. Sara says that participants themselves say that being with the Day Report Center is harder then sitting in Huber or the main jail.

The Day Report Center can serve 50 to 55 participants at one time. They are running at or near capacity at all times. The DOC and Court referrals do not pay for services; however, Sheriffs Department referrals pay the same as Huber participants. The money stays with the Sheriffs Department. The Sheriffs Department provides space to the Day Report Center in the Huber Jail facility. Discussion followed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Unmet needs for 2011. Mike DeMares spoke about unmet needs for substance abuse services in Waukesha County. The Human Services Board will meet on March 11, 2010 to review unmet needs. Mike recommends keeping the goal to continue funding existing services, second he recommends mentioning to the Board that the Halfway Houses are in need of an adequate cost of living increase, and third he recommends supporting funding to increase case management services to the Day Report Center. Also the committee could recommend unfreezing the AODA Staff position and fund an AODA Counselor at the Day Report Center. Discussion followed.

The committee asked about Suboxone treatment at the County. Mike mentioned that the county psychiatrist's are discussing this issue. New reports indicate that Suboxone Treatment runs about 18 to 20 months on medication and it is a slow detox. Mike stated that the committee can ask the Board to fund money for a County run Suboxone Treatment Program. Discussion followed.

## **AODA STAFF LIAISON REPORT**

Susan mentioned again that the county has a waiver to run groups at a capacity of ten participants instead of eight. She and the Clinical Director, Gordon Owley, attended a meeting in Madison on Opiates use among adolescents and young adults. The WAAODA Conference is coming up this spring and the Waukesha County AODA Volunteers have been asked to speak at the conference.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Dennis Williams made a motion, seconded by Lou Hernandez, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was voted on and passed.

Minutes recorded by Dawn Cagney

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_  
Date